

Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Virtual 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance

Carolyn Black-Sotir, Michelle McCallum, David Hess, David Ninos, Emily Gaines-Demsky, Adrienne Latanishen, Raj Koirala, Brenda Johnson, Beth Gregory; Carla Crisp

For Baltimore County: Helene Luce, Daniel Singh

Absent 4 Commissioners (Nicole Fall, Toni Griffin, Isaac Manjoe and Gabe Purviance).

The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm by Carolyn.

The motion to move to a closed meeting by Brenda and seconded by Michelle. See motion following. Favor 10 Commissioners;

Grant reviews began with the not recommended groups.

The next reviews were groups receiving large amounts of funding.

The spreadsheets of group/grants was discussed in detail .

Helene announced February 3, 2021 3-4:30pm Training with Dana Parsons of MSAC.

Motion to close meeting by Michelle and second by David Ninos.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Johnson

PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

- 1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 01-12-21; Time: 4:15 PM; Location: via Baltimore County Webex;
Motion to close meeting made by: Brenda Johnson; Seconded by Michelle McCallum.
Members in favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstaining: 0; Absent: 4.

- 2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)X "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)___ "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)X "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)___ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (2)	"To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"	Discussion of merits of Operating Grants to be awarded by BCCAS. Discussion may include information of a confidential nature.
§3-305(b) (14)	"Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal,..."	Same as above. BCCAS may negotiate with County Executive or County Council to support certain organizations.

4. This statement is made by Carolyn Black-Sotir, Presiding Officer.